

Every county shall be entitled to elect one Senator, and the city of Baltimore shall also be entitled to elect one Senator.

Every county having a population of less than fifteen thousand souls shall be entitled to three delegates; every county having a population of fifteen thousand souls, and less than twenty-five thousand, shall be entitled to four delegates; every county having a population of twenty-five thousand, and less than thirty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five delegates; and every coun-

ty having a population of more than thirty-five thousand souls shall be entitled to six delegates; and the city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as the county which shall be entitled to the largest representation.

The undersigned herewith submit a table showing the practical operation of the basis they recommend.

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CENSUS OF 1850.

| COUNTIES. | White. | Free Colored. | Total Free. | Slaves. | White, Free and Slaves. | Federal Numbers. | Present number of Delegates. | Proposed number of Delegates. | Fraction, exceeding half the number required for an additional delegate |
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| Allegany . . . | 21,752 | 397 | 22,149 | 724 | 22,873 | 22,584 | 4 | 4 | 7,873 |
| Anne Arundel . . | 16,542 | 4,602 | 21,144 | 11,224 | 32,368 | 27,891 | 5 | 5 | 7,388 |
| Baltimore City . | 141,441 | 24,625 | 166,066 | 2,916 | 169,012 | 167,830 | 5 | 6 | |
| Baltimore County | 34,222 | 3,600 | 37,822 | 3,767 | 41,589 | 40,091 | 5 | 6 | |
| Carroll . . . | 18,676 | 963 | 19,639 | 976 | 20,615 | 20,220 | 4 | 4 | 5,615 |
| Caroline . . . | 6,096 | 2,788 | 8,884 | 808 | 9,692 | 9,370 | 3 | 3 | |
| Calvert . . . | 3,610 | 1,520 | 5,130 | 4,488 | 9,618 | 7,824 | 3 | 3 | |
| Cecil . . . | 15,482 | 2,612 | 18,094 | 843 | 18,937 | 18,263 | 4 | 4 | |
| Charles . . . | 5,665 | 913 | 6,578 | 9,584 | 16,162 | 12,329 | 3 | 4 | |
| Dorchester . . | 10,788 | 3,803 | 14,591 | 4,282 | 18,873 | 17,162 | 4 | 4 | |
| Frederick . . | 31,595 | 3,637 | 35,232 | 3,261 | 38,493 | 37,188 | 5 | 6 | |
| Harford . . . | 14,414 | 2,785 | 17,199 | 2,166 | 19,365 | 18,498 | 4 | 4 | |
| Kent . . . | 5,595 | 3,132 | 8,730 | 2,627 | 11,357 | 10,608 | 3 | 3 | |
| Montgomery . . | 9,435 | 1,311 | 10,746 | 5,114 | 15,860 | 13,815 | 4 | 4 | |
| Prince George's | 8,902 | 1,138 | 10,040 | 11,510 | 21,550 | 16,946 | 4 | 4 | 6,550 |
| Queen Anne's . | 7,040 | 3,174 | 10,214 | 4,271 | 14,485 | 12,776 | 3 | 3 | |
| Saint Mary's . | 6,280 | 1,590 | 7,870 | 5,811 | 13,681 | 11,359 | 3 | 3 | |
| Somerset . . . | 13,417 | 3,453 | 16,870 | 5,588 | 22,458 | 20,224 | 4 | 4 | 7,458 |
| Talbot . . . | 7,087 | 2,590 | 9,677 | 4,134 | 13,811 | 12,158 | 3 | 3 | |
| Washington . . | 26,969 | 1,885 | 28,854 | 2,089 | 30,943 | 30,108 | 5 | 5 | 5,943 |
| Worcester . . | 11,824 | 3,593 | 15,417 | 3,453 | 18,870 | 17,490 | 4 | 4 | |
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Mr. HOWARD requested gentlemen to bear in mind that all the reports looked to a rule. So that which he was about to offer comprehended a rule, and it is intended that this rule shall be applied decennially, so as to operate on every enumeration of the State under the Census of the United States. But the result could not be correct, nor indeed could the rule itself be applied, unless some mode of applying it should be established. In pointing out a mode there was a danger of coming in conflict with the duties of the committee to which will be referred the task of revising and arranging the articles in the new Constitution. He had therefore thought it would be the most advisable course merely to submit to the Convention a resolution to inquire into the expediency of adopting some mode. This resolution might be sent to the committee on revising the Constitution, and thus the danger of any conflict of views would be avoided. He hoped, therefore, that the resolution which he would

now send to the Chair, might be at once put on its passage.

Mr. HOWARD, a member of the committee, then presented a report (in the form of a resolution), which was read and adopted, as follows:

Resolved. That the committee on amendments and revision of the Constitution be instructed to enquire into the expediency of inserting an article substantially as follows:

That in the year 1862, and every tenth year thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Governor, for the time being, to arrange the representation in the House of Delegates, according to the ratio adopted by this Convention, and to declare by Proclamation, the number of Delegates to which each county and city may be entitled according to the new census of the United States. And if said Proclamation, he shall also invite the people of the State, to vote on a day therein to be na-